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Box	No. I	Basis of this opinion
1.		gard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was aless otherwise indicated under this item.
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1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-16	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3-5, 7, 11-16	YES
		Claims	1, 2, 6, 8-10	. NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-16	YES
		Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 3168135 B2 (Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.), 21 May 2001 paragraph 0011; Fig. 1

Document 2: JP 5-84272 A (Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.), 06 April 1993 paragraph 0007; Fig. 1

Document 3: WO 2003/020405 A1 (Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.), 13 March 2003

Document 4: JP 2003-66023 A (Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.), 05 March 2003

Document 5: JP 2001-170659 A (Nippon Sanso Corp.), 26 June 2001

Document 6: JP 11-192421 A (Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.), 21 July 1999

Document 7: JP 7-114790 B2 (Kao Corp.), 13 December 1995

Document 8: JP 5-137985 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 01 June 1993

The inventions of claims 1, 2, 6 and 8-10 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on the inventions described in documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

The inventions of claims 3-5, 7 and 11-16 are neither described in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.